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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of January 22, 1969

MEMBERS PRESENT: White, Crane, Holley, Price, Lahey, Bouknight, Hieronymus, Rawls, Spaniol, Gover, Tingley, Fagan, Green, Ferguson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Smith

The minutes of January 15, 1969, were approved as published.

REPORTS:

- A. Council of Administrative Officers: A report of the discussions of the Council was made by Dr. Rawls. The Council took up the topics of the Physics six-week NSF Institute, the Coleman International Lounge, the non-refundable registration fee, a Student Senate request for six work-study secretaries, a Student Senate request for a member on the Vending Machine Committee, a Student Senate request for a student to be ex-officio and a non-voting member of the Council of Administrative Officers, parking on the west side roadway East of the Union, revision of procedures for handling disturbances, procedures in the case of the death of a student, increased charges for official notices, and the need to reconsider charges for the use of certain facilities.
- B. Insurance Committee: Dr. McConkey sent a report describing the extent of faculty participation in the Group Life Insurance Plan operated by the North American Life and Casualty Company and the number of policyholders in Golden Rule, Blue-Cross of Rockford, and "miscellaneous companies", the latter being health and hospital plans. He noted that, "The State of Illinois contributes under the above plans \$5.00 per month for employee and dependents and \$3.80 per month for an employee. At Lake Land Junior College, the College pays the entire cost of the Health-Hospital plan - Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Rockford - \$17.20 per month and \$11.41 for one employee."
- C. Nominations and Elections: Plans for the election of representatives to the Council of Faculties are proceeding according to plan. The all-faculty meeting which will determine the nominees has been announced. Ballots will be printed and distributed right after the meeting. Senate members will do the clerical work needed in order to speed the distribution.

In the straw vote held to help in a definition of "faculty," the results were: A - 99, B - 104, C - 94, D - 44. Slightly over 500 ballots were sent and 347 were received.

The Secretary was directed to place a notice in the Faculty Newsletter about the forthcoming meeting. It should be mentioned particularly that the two-year eligibility rule for holding office on the Council of Faculties was interpreted as two years since August 30, 1967.

- D. Meeting of the Board of Governors: Chairman White passed out copies of a summary of the January 16 meeting. The Board approved EIU's differentiated tuition plan and authorized President Doudna to proceed with plans for a carillon tower. A letter was received from the Lincoln Book Shop concerning unfair competition from the Textbook Library. Plans for a new campus for Chicago State were heard and course approvals were given to Chicago State and Northeastern. Comments were exchanged on the low faculty vote for the Council of Faculties.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Dean Anfinson, a note to Chairman White describing the background leading to the present organization of the Homecoming Committee. He indicated that, unless the Faculty Senate had a different method to propose, he would proceed to assist the student officers of Homecoming in securing faculty assistance. He was given consent by consensus to proceed in the manner described.
- B. From Mr. Gibala of the State Universities Retirement System in response to a recommendation by the Faculty Senate that there be an increase in the monthly survivors annuity from \$200 to \$500. He explained that changes in the Survivors Annuity Program are being proposed, but that they are not nearly as extensive as that suggested by the Senate. There was a fairly detailed list of reasons why the suggestion would not work.
- C. From Dr. Szerenyi, a memorandum expressing his approval of the actions of the Faculty Senate in including professional librarians in the definitions of faculty status proposed for the constitution.
- D. From Dr. Thut, a note relating to the change in class hours for the coming Summer Session. There seemed to be some disparity in the figures given. Chairman White will write a letter to Dr. Thut.
- E. From the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, the minutes of October 17, 1969, and November 21, 1969.
- F. From the State Retirement System, a series of reports on actions taken and proposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Constitution. Discussion was continued on the definition of Faculty. It was moved (Ferguson) and seconded (Price) to accept definition C for use in the constitution. (Definition C - The Faculty Senate shall be elected from and by faculty engaged exclusively in classroom teaching and/or academic research, but specifically including professional librarians, department heads, and division chairmen. -- Hereafter the term faculty refers only to those here designated.)

In the discussion, it was pointed out that this definition was trying to do two separate things at the same time. The term faculty should be defined first, before the use of the term is put into the constitution. Also, staff is a term sometimes used as all-inclusive and might not be synonymous with faculty. Eligibility for tenure was suggested as a possible addition to the definition. The status of lecturers and faculty assistants was considered. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

It was moved (Hieronymus) and seconded (Price) to eliminate definitions A and D from consideration. (Definition A - The Faculty Senate shall be elected from and by the faculty, here defined as including all employees of the university other than student employees, graduate assistants, temporary employees, and those under civil service. Definition D - The Faculty Senate shall be elected from and by faculty engaged exclusively in classroom teaching and/or academic research, but specifically including professional librarians. --Hereafter the term faculty refers only to those here designated.) The vote was 8 for and 4 against with 1 abstention.

It was moved (Ferguson) and seconded (Price) to adopt definition C. The vote was 5 for and 6 against with 2 abstaining.

It was moved (Bouknight) and seconded (Hieronymus) to adopt definition B as section 1 of Article III of the constitution. The vote was 7 for, 4 against, and 2 abstaining.

It was noted at this time that a clear conclusion was not reached by either the Faculty Senate in its vote or the general faculty through its straw vote.

It was moved (Hieronymus) and seconded (Bouknight) that Article IV, sections 1 and 2 be adopted. The vote was 12 for and none against with 2 abstentions.

It was moved (Crane) and seconded (Hieronymus) that Article V, section 3 be adopted with the added statement, "The action of any committee may be rescinded by a 2/3 vote of the Faculty Senate.

At this point a motion to adjourn intervened and was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 29, 1969, at 8:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. A short meeting will be held because of the general meeting at 9:00 a.m., but the last motion made will become the first item of business.

A special meeting was held by the Faculty Senate on January 17, 1969, for the purpose of establishing voting procedures and nominating processes for the election to the Council of Faculties. The question of service on major committees was presented and generally agreed relative only to individual choice with regard to the Council of Faculties. It was agreed that those faculty

members on leave would not be considered eligible for nomination. Alternates for membership on the committees would be determined according to the accumulated vote with ties to be decided by lot. The latter suggestion passed by a vote of 13 to 0. It was recommended that the Senate nominate a slate of four potential members for each committee position, followed by a general faculty meeting at which people would be nominated from the floor with two seconds being required. The recommendation was accepted by a vote of 11 for and 2 against.

It was agreed that all nominees should be informed and their acceptance received before presenting a slate and before holding an election. The meeting would be called for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 1969, in the University Union Ballroom.

Possible nominees were indicated by the Senate members present and Chairman White was instructed to contact the number needed for a slate to be offered at the general meeting.

CALENDAR

September	University Calendar
October	Welfare
November	Budget
December	-----
January	-----
February	Welfare
March	Committee Nominations
April	Elections
May	Buildings and Grounds

AGENDA

1. Constitution
2. Major and minor committees and councils
3. Overloads

William J. Crane
Secretary